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ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

IN JESUS' NAME WE WELCOME YOU!

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15 & 19, 2025

WELCOME TO ZION. It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

Worship Focus: The Christian is in a constant fight, the fight of faith. This is a fight waged against spiritual complacency and a rejection of God's Word, both weapons of the devil used to increase his kingdom. But we are not alone in the fight. With us fights the Victor who allows us to take hold of eternal life.

In this season, we have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord (Advent-the Festival of Pentecost); but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word.

LITURGY: Service of the Word & Sacrament

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OUR FAMILY AT WORSHIP

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES — We request that you please turn off all devices during the church service. You may keep it on if you are emergency response personnel or if you have an emergency call you are anticipating. Thank you for your cooperation.

BATHROOMS – Bathrooms are located in the East foyer and in the school hallway off the west foyer. Please ask an usher for help finding them.

HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT is available as part of our sound system. Individual hand-held units are available. Please check with an usher if you would like a unit for today's worship service.

VISITORS are asked to please sign our fellowship registry in the back of church so that we will have a record of your visit. Thank you for joining us today!

OPENING HYMN: CW 239

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

239

Glory Be to God the Father



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

Tune: WORCESTER (87 87 47) Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919.

P: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

The congregation may kneel.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

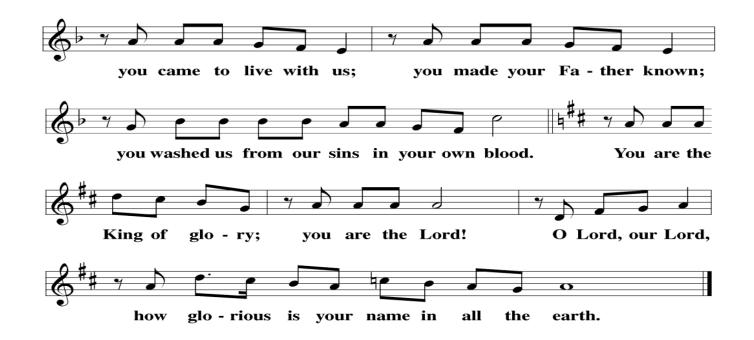


P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

P: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

First Lesson Amos 6:1-7

¹Woe to you who are complacent in Zion, you who feel secure on Mount Samaria, you distinguished people of the leading nation, to whom the house of Israel comes. ²Travel to Kalneh and look. Go from there to Hamath Rabbah, and go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than those kingdoms? Are their territories greater than your territory? ³You who are trying to put off the evil day, you bring near the session for violence! ⁴Those who lie on ivory beds, sprawling upon their couches, eating lambs from the flock and calves straight from the stall, ⁵improvising tunes on the lyre, composing music for themselves on musical instruments like David, ⁴drinking large bowls of wine—they slather themselves with the most expensive perfumed oils, but they do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. ¹That is why they will go into exile as the first of the exiles. Those who sprawl out at their feasts for the dead will depart. (EHV)

Psalm 146 *CW pg. 120*

As we carry on the fight of faith our hope belongs in the Lord, not in the power of "mortal men who cannot save."



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.



Praise the LORD, <u>O</u> my soul.*

I will sing praise to my God as long <u>as</u> I live.

Do not put your trust in <u>princes</u>,* in mortal men, who <u>can</u>not save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the <u>LORD</u> his God,* the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the <u>hungry</u>,* the LORD sets <u>pris</u>oners free.

The LORD gives sight <u>to</u> the blind,*
the LORD lifts up those who are <u>bowed</u> down.

The LORD watches over the <u>out</u>cast* and sustains the fatherless and the <u>wid</u>ow.

The LORD remains faithful for<u>ev</u>er.*

He upholds the cause of <u>the</u> oppressed.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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Second Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-16

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made a good confession as a witness before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴that you keep this command without spot and without fault, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will make known at the proper time—the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see. To him be honor and power forever! Amen. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11 cf. NIV)



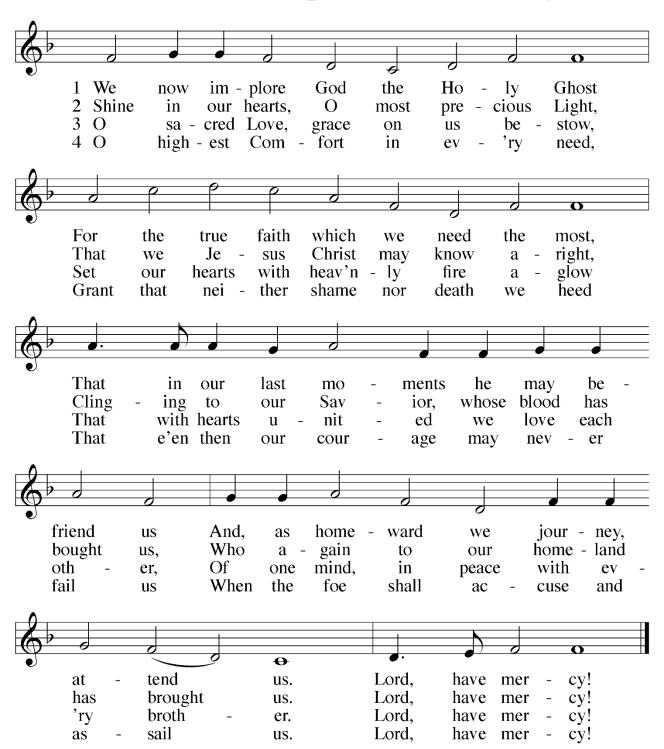
GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. ²⁰A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and ²¹longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. ²²Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He called out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.' 25"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. ²⁶Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 27"He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's home, 28 because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹"Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.' 30"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31"Abraham replied to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." (EHV)



HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 190 "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost"

190 We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost



SERMON TEXT AND THEME: Luke 16:19-31

Haves and Have-nots

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING: (Sunday only) The collection of the offering in the service is an opportunity for the members of Zion to give back to God a small portion of what he has given us in order to support the Gospel ministry of Zion Lutheran Church and School and of the WELS throughout the world. If you are a visitor today, while we appreciate an offering from you, please do not feel obligated to give.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



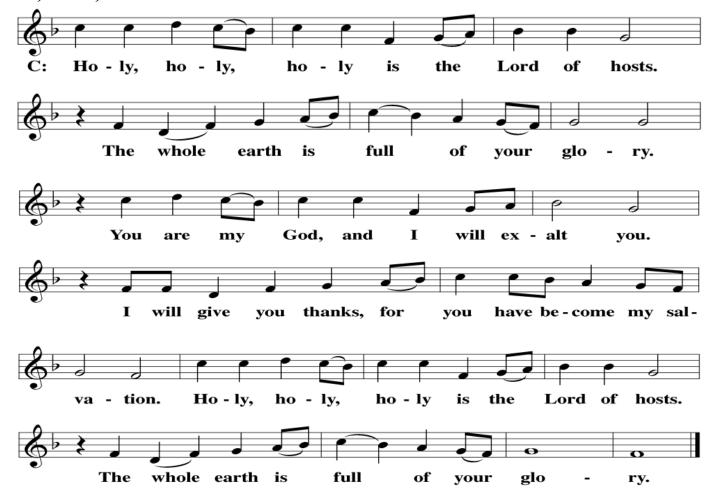
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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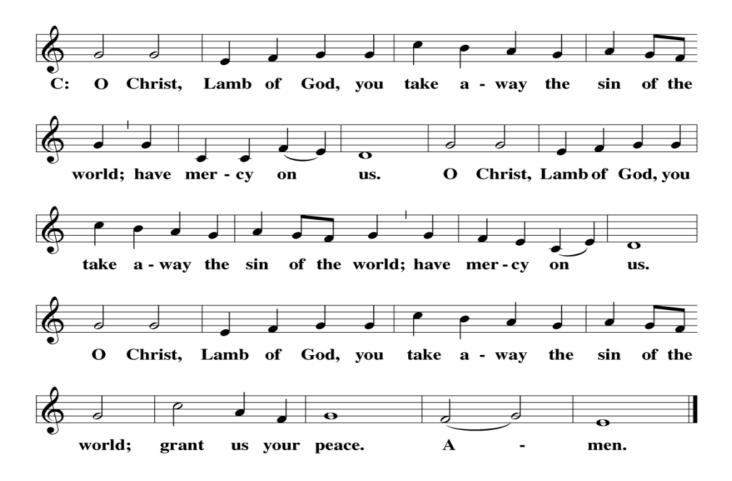
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



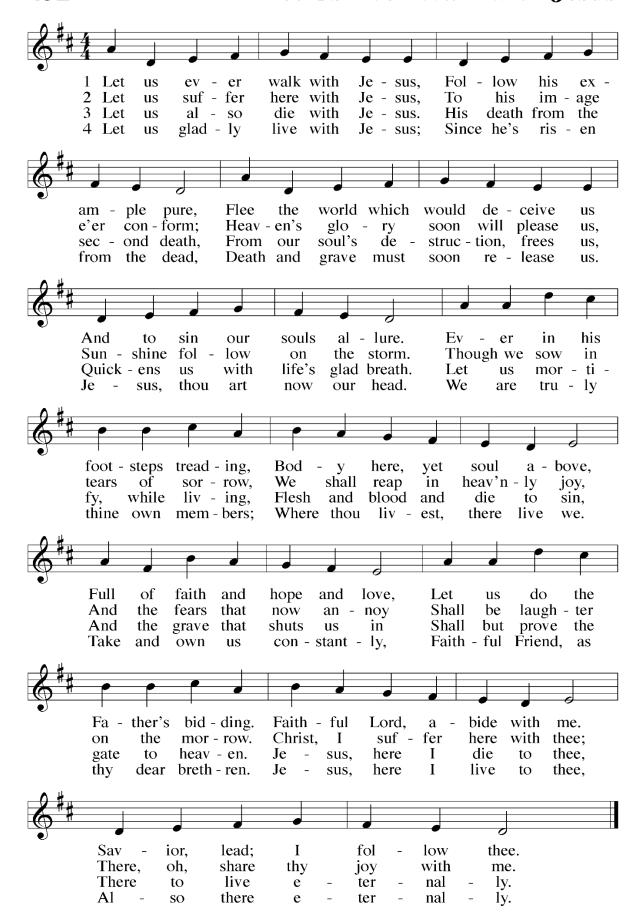
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"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

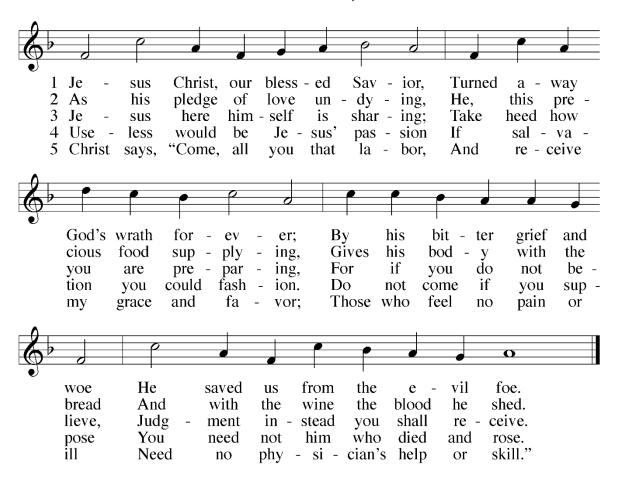
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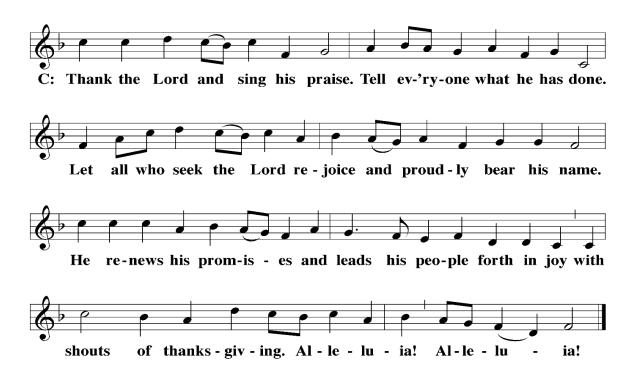
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Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the souls who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses, Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

THANKSGIVING



P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 329

CLOSE OF SERVICE

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Tune: NEW ULM (87 87 87) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924.

Officiants

Accompanist: Stepfanie Sitzman Liturgist & Preacher: Pastor Greg Sitzman

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CALL MEETINGS: On Sunday, October 19th at Noon there will be a call meeting to call for 6-8 grade teacher/Principal and Preschool Teacher/Director. Then at 1:00 p.m. there will a call meeting for the Joint Pastor position.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The Tuesday morning Adult Bible Class finished the book of Philippians and will start the book of Romans next. The instructor is Bari Waltz. The class will meet in the Mother's room from 10-11:00 a.m. every Tuesday unless otherwise announced.

WLS FOOD BANK DRIVE: We are again supporting the WLS Food Bank. Starting this week, we will have a table in the west foyer for you to leave donated items. See the back table for the items they are needing for this year. We will be taking the donations to HCA on Wed., Oct. 29th.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Christian Book Study – Friends in Faith is hosting another book study on **Sunday, October 19**th **at 2:00 p.m.** "Tough Questions – Reasoned Answers" Additional information is on the back table if you are interested in joining the book discussion.

FRIENDS IN FAITH: Friends in Faith would like to send a greeting to Zion students who are away at school. So if you have a student who is a member of Zion and is living away from home to attend school, you can send their name and a clear school address to Lorrie Shock. Email the information by November 1st to lshock711@gmail.com If you have any questions feel free to contact Lorrie via email or phone 734-770-1151.

ZION SCHOOL INFORMATION:

WANT ZION CLOTHING? The Zion Gear store through All Heart Athletics is open from now through October 19. Shop online for Zion Lutheran Church and School clothing items in a variety of colors, including a new ZLS logo designed by our own Nick Roth! This is the only time the store will be available before Christmas. We plan to open it again in the spring if there is demand. Purchases can be picked up in the store when ready (approximately 3 weeks after October 19) or from the school when the orders are fulfilled. Follow the link below to see what is available:

https://zionlutheran2025.itemorder.com/

HARVEST PARTY

Zion is having their Harvest Party **Friday, October 24th** from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. We are switching to a punchcard system this year. After each game is played your child will get their card, hole punched. When their card is filled (10 games) they may go turn it in to spin for two prizes!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be held in the Zion parking lot from 7-7:30pm. Please sign up below on the sign-up genius. You can park your vehicle in the designated area by the playground upon arrival. Please be set up by 6:50pm.

We are also asking for some food and drink donations again this year. Please sign up so we know what is covered before the party. Pizza will be provided!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAEAB2CA5F9C34-44861585-zion

Coming up at Zion

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service (IC/CC)

10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

12:00 p.m. Call Meeting for Principal/Teacher & Director/Teacher

1:00 p.m. Joint Call Meeting for Pastor 1:00 p.m. Jesus Cares Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Friends in Faith – Book Study

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Class

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Open Forum – NO Adult Bible Class

11:30 a.m. Voter's Meeting

October Volunteers

	Oct. 1 & 5	Oct. 8 & 12	Oct. 15 & 19	Oct. 22 & 26	Oct. 29 & Nov. 2
Altar Guild		Carol Eshelman	& Kathy Wozniak		
Live Stream Helpers	Rob Krueger	Ryan Roth	William Robinson	Miller Sordahl	Steve Sordahl
Ushers	Oct. 1 Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling Oct. 5 Casey Holck Mark Kipf Keith McBee Dave McKenzie Joe Schmeling	Oct. 8 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson Oct. 12 Dave Benge Alan Bober Matthew Hill Joe Koch Jeremy Robinson Jacob Robinson William Robinson	Oct. 15 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz Oct. 19 Ray Chandonnet Erich Freiny Rob Krueger Matthew Loos Zach Turner Bari Waltz	Oct. 22 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick Oct. 26 Jake Burke Rich Heusman Jeff Heusman Juergen Koenig Matt McCormick Zach McCormick	Oct. 29 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier Nov. 2 Tony Affholter Jeff Douglas Mark Fuerstenberg Bryce Mueller Ray Palmatier
Communion Helpers	Oct. 1 Jeremy Robinson		Oct. 15 Mark Kipf		Oct. 29 Ken Vagt
	Oct. 5 Jake Burke Jeff Heusman		Oct. 19 Alan Bober Jeremy Robinson		<u>Nov. 2</u> Mark Kipf Rob Krueger